

8. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the monobasic acid is selected from the group consisting of abietic acid, hydrogenated abietic acid and their salts.

9. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the monobasic acid is selected from the group consisting of rosin, hydrogenated rosin and disproportionated rosin.

10. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the metal M is copper or zinc.

11. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 wherein the ratio of the monobasic acid to the acrylic resin constituting the metal-containing acrylic resin is 0.9:1.1 to 1.2:0.8 by weight on a nonvolatile matter basis.

Please add the following new claims:

13. (New) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 comprising an additional binder resin in a weight ratio, on a nonvolatile basis, of (metal-containing acrylic resin)/(additional binder resin) = 100:0 to 80:20.

14. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 2 wherein the acrylic resin contains a metal compound, and the acid value of the acid is 180 mg KOH/g and glass transition temperature of not higher than 50°C.

15. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 2 wherein the monobasic acid has an acid value of less than 200 mg KOH/g.

16. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 2 wherein the monobasic acid has an acid value of less than 200 mg KOH/g.

17. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 2 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

18. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 3 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

19. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 4 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

20. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 5 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.


21. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 6 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to improve clarity. None of these amendments is believed to involve any new matter.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims herein presented be given priority allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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